



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Juanita Mercado
DOCKET NO.: 21-02478.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-06-305-076

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Juanita Mercado, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Chicago; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **No Change** in the assessment of the property as established by the **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$32,909
IMPR.: \$182,030
TOTAL: \$214,939

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2021 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a 2-story dwelling of wood siding and brick exterior construction with 3,774 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 2013 and is approximately 8 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a garage with 763 square feet of building area. The property has an approximately 12,832 square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity concerning the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within 0.38 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding and brick, or brick and stone exterior construction that range in size from

3,686 to 4,238 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 7 to 15 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 735 to 862 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$158,372 to \$181,781 or from \$42.36 to \$42.97 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$161,432 or \$42.77 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$214,939. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$182,030 or \$48.23 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on eight equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within 0.42 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick, frame, or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 3,446 to 3,782 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 2011 to 2014 and thus range in age from 7 to 11 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement with two being a walkout style, central air conditioning, and one or two garages ranging in size from 679 to 781 combined square feet of building area. Five comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$176,339 to \$190,395 or from \$48.76 to \$51.64 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of twelve equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 which is less similar in dwelling size to the subject than the other comparables in this record. The Board also gives reduced weight to board of review comparables #7 and #8 which differ in basement design from the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables which are similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$158,372 to \$190,395 or from \$42.36 to \$50.34 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$182,030 or \$48.23 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear

and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date:

August 22, 2023



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for such subsequent year or years directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.

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